

**Hobron Area  
May 15, 2003**

Pedestrian Routes

- Need a “No turn on red” sign at corner of Hobron and Ala Moana (near crazy shirts) – there has been a fatality and near misses frequently. Signal for walking does not provide sufficient time to get across.
- Try to cross at Kalia/Ena and Ala Moana. Calm traffic. Need crosswalk table or flashing lights.
- Why wasn’t the hardened pathway included? I would like to see a pathway, it would be good for hotels and businesses. **A hardened pathway or boardwalk was initially included. There was opposition that the pathway would erode due to natural causes (crashing waves, sand erosion).**
- What about the area behind the Hawaii Convention Center? **The promenade behind the HCC is landscaped with street lights.**
- Add pedestrian counter at Ala Moana and Kalia/Ena intersection. **Counters can be found in Downtown and are being installed in other areas.**
- The ramp and sidewalk at Kalia and Ala Moana (Hilton corner with statues) is not ADA accessible. The ramp is steep making it difficult for people in wheelchairs to get up on, no sidewalk. The sidewalk should be put back in along Kalia and Ala Moana corner.

Safe & Accessible Neighborhoods

- Plan seems to concentrate on central Waikiki. What about the Hobron Area? Crime is a big concern in this area.
- Better lighting may help.

Loading

- Nine out of ten times there’s a passenger van in front of Double Tree Alana, taking up a lane of traffic.

Bike Routes

- Why does bike path end at Kalakaua Avenue? It should extend to Ala Moana Blvd.

Parking

- Need residential parking!
- Put parking structures on vacant lot at Hobron or behind the Ilikai. There is plenty of land available. I am aware that the cost of the land is the issue.
- Tour buses going behind the Ilikai and parking. Why not put residential parking?

Traffic Circulation

- If you add a stop sign/signal at Ala Moana there will be three consecutive stops in one block (Hobron-Dewey Lane-Kalia). Not necessary

- At Dewey Lane – its proposed to take a portion of median out to add left turn from Dewey Lane; add a stop sign/traffic signal. Why? Traffic backs up in this area and it's a parking lot.
- Add right turn arrows on pavement and signage on Ala Moana Boulevard for the right turn onto Kalia Road. Most people don't realize it's a right turn only lane and try to merge with traffic. Install signage prior to Kobe Restaurant.
- Reducing speed to 30 mph along Ala Wai will be difficult. Difficult to reach 35 mph because the makai lane is used for right turns; middle lane used for changing lanes; and mauka lane near parking lane.

#### Other

- I'm manager of Waipuna and I'm on the Waikiki Citizen's Patrol, is there any other neighborhood community organization here at this meeting? **No hands are raised**
- Other recommendations in plan needed.
- What about implementation? Timeline? **Once plan is approved, projects sent to City Council. They will look at the funding sources. Funding is available now for the planning process only, will need to seek funding for design and construction.**
- 2004? 2005? **Depends upon the project. Some of these projects could be done quickly, such as signage (short-term) vs. the bike path which is a long-term project**
- The walk up buildings at Lipeepie are horrible to look at, should tear down.
- What's going to happen with urban development? It'll be expensive, empty land available for building. What will the traffic patterns be in 10 years?
- Resident (lives on Colburn Street) feels that the area won't have affordable housing for herself or the elderly.
- Is there technology to buffer noise? Such as landscaping. **The Dutch developed surfacing for roadways to reduce road noise to 20%.**
- What's happened to the new development for Hilton Tower (Waikikian)? What are the water coolers? Do you need a permit for that? **Don't know what the water coolers are for. Answered by resident – the water coolers handle the mold problem the Hilton was experiencing.**

#### Other written comments:

- To summarize my mention of the safety issue at the Harbor Pub Area: The 2-way street, with meters, between Hobron and the Prince Hotel needs attention – Delivery vans are parking up on the sidewalk and cause pedestrians to walk in the street to get around. Also, buses drive up onto the sidewalk to let oncoming traffic pass, and I was very nearly struck by a bus coming from behind.

Note: Red indicates response by DTS or consultant.